

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4, as follows:

~~In Figs. 6a to 6d, dimensions shown are in millimeters.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 14, as follows:

The male connector has a leading portion 620 which is received in the recess of the female connector 470, and a trailing portion 630 which remains outside the recess. The leading portion includes upper and lower side beams 640 connected by a crosspiece 650 at their leading ends, and a resiliently biased cantilever member 660 depending from the cross-piece 650 and extending back towards the trailing portion. The cantilever has on its front surface the lugs 610, and a ridge 670 at its trailing edge. The cantilever has on its back surface an arcuate projection 615 at a position between the lugs 610 and the ridge 670.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 30, as follows:

The trailing portion 630 of the male connector has a cross-bar 680 forming a loop through which the headgear strap can be passed and adjusted for proper fit. Upper and lower sides 690 of the trailing portion have grooves or other formations to make it more easily gripped by the patient's fingers, while the distance between the leading side of the cross-bar 680 and the trailing edge and ridge 670 of the cantilever is preferably at least 5 mm to allow easy connection of the strap and provide sufficient space for a finger to push on the cantilever ridge, even when the strap is attached. The arcuate cut-out 500 in the female connector front wall is configured to contact an arcuate ridge 675 of the male connector 670 in the connected state and allows clearance for an

end of the finger to overhang the ridge 670 when the ridge is being contacted by the pad of the finger.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 13, as follows:

The shape, dimensions and position of the connectors may be optimised for most convenient use.

For example, the male connector may be approximately 20 mm wide, 25 mm long and 10 mm

thick. The cantilever 660 is approximately 15 mm long. The locating lugs 610 are

approximately 3 mm long, 2 mm wide and 1 mm high, and the ridge is approximately 14 mm

wide and has a length of approximately 5 mm. ~~Other dimensions of the male portion are~~

~~indicated in FIG. 6a to 6e.~~